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COVER PICTURE : ANOTHER HORSE BEING GOT AT? Shrivenham members repairing toys at Dr. Barnardo's Home at Frilford.

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IN AND OUT

-notes & comment

Christmas Present?

EPWORTH PRESS, the Methodist publishing house, has done a fine thing in producing a book containing the cream of Tubby's sermons and addresses with a few scattered poems as well. This handsome book (244 pp.), under the title *To Conquer Hate*, costs 16s. and will be reviewed in the December JOURNAL. Copies may be ordered from Headquarters.

Helping Ordinands

TOC H AND ALL HALLOWS TRUST was founded in 1929 by a very great benefactor and friend of Toc H. One of the Trust's provisions is to assist financially, candidates for ordination in the Church of England who intend upon ordination to aid the Toc H movement either by becoming Branch or Staff Padres. Members knowing of such ordination candidates who are likely to be in need of small financial help during training are asked to send names and details to the Hon. Secretary of the Trust, Keith Rea, at Headquarters.

Seafaring Boys

WITH THE HELP of TREVOR WILLIAMS and local friends a collection has been made of colour transparencies of ships, the port of Southampton, and Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Club. Men's and women's Branches may like to apply for the loan of them for a Branch evening. They will be accompanied by a written commentary and in due course a synchronised tape-recording will be available. Applications for use should be made to Dick Hughes, the Warden, at Talbot House, Queen's Way, Southampton, together with 1s. 9d. to cover packing and postage, and an undertaking that instruction for return will be complied with.

Stamp Appeal

DURING THE whole of his five years of H.M. Government service in Canada, CHARLES WAKE has kept up the Toc H Stamp Appeal which he and his father started in London more than thirty years ago, to the great benefit of the Family Purse. Having reached retirement age Charles is returning to Britain (minus Malcolm, the third generation of Toc H membership in the Wake family, who has married a Canadian girl and is staying in Ottawa), and hopes to settle in the West Country. We welcome Charles back and until his new address is known will all contributors of used foreign stamps or British stamps over 4d. please address them to Charles Wake, c/o Toc H Headquarters.

Calcutta Revisited

FRANK FIELD as one of the Toc H War Services staff in India and S.E.A.C. saw much of Calcutta during World War II. Now, after many years in Malaya and in pineapple farming in Northern Australia he is back in Calcutta again, this time as a Refugee Resettlement Officer. This is a special assignment concerned with 10,000 homeless refugees at present living in and around Sealdah station. Some of them have been there for the last ten years and they are living under what are described as the worst conditions of refugees anywhere in the world. This sounds a tough assignment indeed, but all who know Frank will rate him just the man for the job and wish him every blessing. His address is Bengal Refugee Service, 5 Russell Street, Calcutta 16.

Community Service Volunteers

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS came into existence in 1962 under the honorary direction of ALEC DICKSON, M.B.E., with the support of S.C.M.-in-Schools, to enable young men and women of all backgrounds between the ages of 17 and 20 to be of help in the community and to gain personal experience of social problems. Through C.S.V. hundreds of young folk have served for several months in mental homes, hospitals, remand homes, old folks' institutions, youth projects, etc. Some are working now in Skopje. All this kind of work is so very much in line with Toc H that we are delighted that the organisation, under Alec Dickson's honorary direction, now operates from an office in Toc H Headquarters here at Trinity Square. We welcome Alec most warmly and hope that soon we may be able to publish an article on C.S.V.

Thoughts on a Jubilee

Dr. BARNETT JOSEPH

This article, written by the Rev. Dr. Barnett Joseph, B.A., H.C.F., Rabbi of Hackney Synagogue, is a valuable contribution to our Jubilee thinking.

THE IDEA of a Jubilee naturally makes my thoughts turn to the great Jubilee year of Scripture that marked the culmination of seven cycles of seven years each. The ram's horn was blown, slaves were emancipated, leasehold agricultural land returned to its owners and a marvellous safeguard was thereby instituted against poverty. The Jubilee institution represented such a rare and striking introduction of morals into the sphere of economics that many have been inclined to question whether this positive commandment of the Pentateuch was actually ever put into practice. However, "nothing is more certain than that the Jubilee was once for centuries a reality in the national life of Israel" (Ewald). Ezekiel speaks of its non-observance as one of the signs that "the end is come" upon the nation for its misdoings; and he mentions "the year of liberty" (chapter 46, v. 17), when a gift of land must return to the original owner. Samuel Rolles Driver (1846-1914), the English Bible commentator says: "It is impossible to think that, as has sometimes been supposed, the institution of the Jubilee is a mere paper law; at least as far as concerns the land, it must date from ancient times in Israel." According to the Talmud which is the name given to the important body of early Rabbinic literature, the law of Jubilee was observed as long as the entire territory of the Holy Land was inhabited by the Israelites. When a portion of the tribes went into exile, the law lapsed.

It seems quite certain therefore, that by the observance of the Jubilee a new period of hope and promise was inaugurated. I am therefore inclined to regard the jubilee of Toc H not merely as the end of a period of achievement but as the beginning of a stage of spiritual consolidation and advance. Its first fifty years have certainly established a world-wide reputation which will require a very great effort to surpass.

Rabbi Joseph with Tubby at the Prideaux House stone-laying ceremony

The great religious and humanitarian work of the Toc H movement with which I have had the great privilege of being associated in a modest way, has appealed to me as a Jew mainly because it represents the fundamental Jewish principle that service to society is a logical consequence of belief in the Creator. As we put it, the really devoted subject of the King of Kings will earnestly seek the welfare of the whole of His kingdom and will come to realise that the distress of any of His subjects should

be remedied not only from motives of personal compassion but also from concern for the feelings of the Divine Ruler. The formation of Marks in which those in their formative years are trained to combine upright living with a practical attention to the needs of the more helpless among their fellow human beings surely represents an ideal which the Sages of my faith would commend to all among the peoples of the earth who aspire to righteousness. That great mystic who is known as the Master of the Name (1700-1760), a leader who certainly had a message for the sick world in which we live, was reported to have said that it is better to attend to one's own soul and other people's bodies, than to concentrate on one's own body and other people's souls. Toc H would seem to be working under the inspiration of this saying.

Light is the symbol of Toc H—a symbol that occupies a central position in your ceremony. When I witnessed it, I felt myself reminded not only of the Divine creation of Light which we find on the very first page of the scriptures, but even more forcibly of a phrase in the 119th Psalm—"A lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." There are many references to Light, which Milton described as "the prime work of God," both in the Old and New Testaments. I will only refer to the opening words of the 27th Psalm whose Latin translation, *Dominus illuminatio mea,* has been chosen as the motto of Oxford University. From these references which are sacred to both our communions, you have derived your symbol of Light and for half a century your Light has shone before you. Long may it continue to illuminate your individual and collective paths.

As a friend and, may I say, as a fellow worker in the vineyard of the Lord who is aware of both the spiritual and material resources and efforts that have been devoted to your great and sacred task, I pray that your activity may flourish and prosper, to use the famous motto of the Jesuits, *ad majorem Dei gloriam.*

Miss A. B. S. Macfie, A.R.R.C.

Alison Bland Scott Macfie who died on September 12 after a short illness will long be remembered as the founder of Toc H Women's Association, to which she devoted her life. During the first World War she served as a V.A.D. in the Ypres Salient and was one of the small band of nurses who came to Talbot House, Poperinge to take Holy Communion in the Upper Room. She thus met Tubby Clayton and Toc H in its earliest days and was one of the six women who were Founder Members of the Movement.

TO THE YOUNGER fry on the Hill (and I speak now of the early 1920s) 'Mac', as we knew her, was a rather formidable character. As we grew up we came to understand that she was not really formidable at all, but an essentially shy and retiring person who had accustomed herself to public life by will-power and self-discipline. We came to know by slow degrees how greatly she cared about people and because she so seldom spoke in the first person singular, we might never have known the extent to which she gave herself to the cause of the unemployed and homeless and to people one by one.

Miss A. B. S. Macfie

Mac stayed remarkably young in heart. It was difficult to realise that she was 76 when she passed over. She had so recently returned from a world tour for Toc H that would have taxed the physical reserves of many a younger person. Her background was such that she might have enjoyed a life of comparative ease and comfort. Mac chose the hard way.

It all began in Talbot House, Poperinge, in the Upper

Room, where many another vocation had been discovered and followed through to its logical conclusion. In 1922 Mac became one of the very lively community on Tower Hill, headed by Tubby and his equally lively accomplices. They were giants in those days (so it seemed to an adolescent) and without doubt they turned their bit of the world upside down and made life rather uncomfortable for a lot of folk who wanted to dwell at ease in Zion.

Mac, of course, was the first General Secretary of the old League of Women Helpers (a ponderous Victorian title) and from 1929 on she began travels that took her far and wide with quiet but determined dedication in the service of Toc H. No one but Mac could have persuaded Tubby that a movement like this could not remain a stronghold of masculinity and expect to reach out effectively into the *whole* of life. It is taking Toc H a long time to learn the lesson of co-partnership! This was part of Mac's mission, to which she brought the plodding commonsense and Scots insight and keen intelligence, all of it transmuted by a down-to-earth and almost matter-of-fact Christian piety.

There are some people whom you never get to know well; for the writer, Mac was one such.

But if she walked but seldom in the intimate companionship of her contemporaries, there is little doubt that she walked with God. This will account for the wide influence for good which she exercised and which will live long after her. She learnt on her knees and taught by what she was.

C.C.

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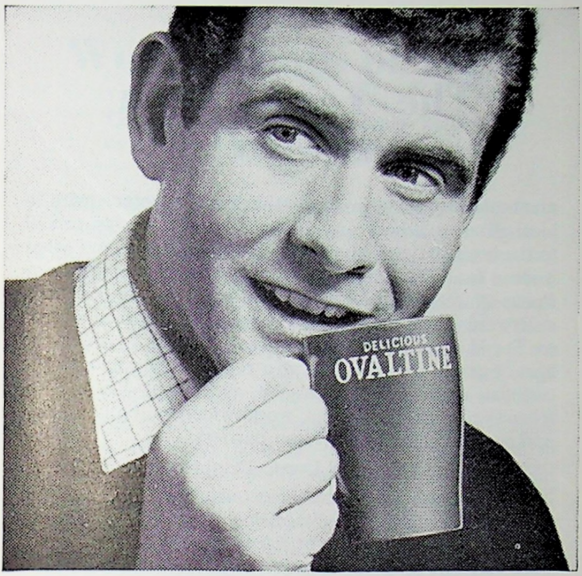

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The Young Idea

JOHN CALLF

RILLINGTON BRANCH in Yorkshire made contact with a local primary school and Padre Leonard Rivett talked to the boys and girls about Toc H—what it did and what it stood for. The Lamp, the Branch banner and the Four Points of the Compass were used to illustrate his talk. Afterwards the Branch offered prizes for the best poems on Toc H and the sixty poems from children between the ages of seven and fifteen show a remarkable grasp of the essential characteristics of the movement—friendship, fellowship, Christian service, world-wideness, light against darkness, laughter, mixture, no barriers.

How about this from Lynne Deighton (age 14)? . . .

To teach you of service, fellowship too,
This is what Toc H is bringing to you.
It teaches you also of fairmindedness,
Always to think of others, the best.

Or this one from Rita Ward (age 10)? . . .

Lamp of the World
Shining bright
Lamp of wisdom
Lamp of Light

Or this philosophy from Edgar Wilson (age 10)? . . .

Some people do not know the meaning of God,
Which makes their life an empty pea pod.

The most indelible form of learning is through self-expression and more than sixty children in and around Rillington are growing up with a very good image of Toc H indeed.

World Chain of Light

The Central Guard of the Lamp reminds us of the Birthday on December 11-12

"THIS GODLY CUSTOM has proved precious to a high degree. We beg you not to miss the Chain of Light." So wrote Tubby when the World Chain was last started in Central Africa ten years ago. At Bulawayo then, the starting-point this year will be at Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia. When the first Lamp has been lit members there will keep a continuous Vigil, remembering each part of the Family in turn as the Chain is forged around the world in the twenty-four hours from 9 p.m. on December 11.

This, the thirty-fifth observance of the Chain, will again mark the Birthdays both of Toc H, Talbot House in Flanders having been opened on December 11, 1915, and of the Founder Padre on December 12. All units 'stand to', if they so plan, lighting their own Branch Lamp or Group Rushlight and taking 'Light', each in succession as the earth revolves, at 9 p.m. by their own time. They do this in all places westward of Salisbury, including South Africa and the United Kingdom, as far as the Pacific on Wednesday, December 11, and thence westward from New Zealand to Central Africa on the Thursday.

The occasion is one in which the Women's Association, the General Members and Toc H Builders are invited to take their part with Branch Members from 8 p.m. It helps us to realise afresh our world-wide unity of kinship and purpose. We talk and think of our fellow-members, known and unknown, far and near. We try to uphold them in their tasks and hopes, perceived the better by having heard read to us 'The Message' from Toc H in Central Africa and, let us hope, some letters recently exchanged with distant members.

Schools Project—Liverpool

JOHN THORNTON

EIGHT DAYS in a poor parish in the middle of the slums of Liverpool. Here we were, Stephen Strong, Richard Low and myself on our way from Marlborough School, to a work party in one of the dirtiest localities in England. What had made us go? I was asking myself that question. I can only think that it was curiosity to find out how the 'other half' lives, and I was also interested to find out what the church was doing in this type of parish. I found answers to all these questions, but they were not quite the answers I expected.

On arrival at World Friendship House we met John Mitchell, the Toc H representative, and, while waiting for supper, he gave us some advice and warnings about our stay. We were told not to go out in parties of less than three because people were beaten up in broad daylight, and we were also warned not to go into any local 'pubs' because fights were frequent. Just a few nights before a couple of boys had gone into one of these 'locals' and had found two women fighting each other with broken bottles. Blood was all over the floor and, very wisely, the boys left quickly. Another thing we were warned about killed any 'Good Samaritan' instinct I had in me. We were told never to help anyone lying in the road. One chap saw someone lying in the gutter, so he went up to the body. Before he

realised that the 'body' was just a dummy, he was attacked by a gang of thugs.

Refreshed with these thoughts, we went into supper and met the rest of the work party. The food was simple but nourishing and we had two very hard-working cooks, Jennifer and Angela Stevens. Most of the other boys were from Grammar Schools and it is surprising how prejudiced they were against Public Schools. Their ideas about the Public School boy were even worse and in some cases I found very real barriers which I had to break down before they became friendly.

The kids were keen to help

We started work at 9.15 the next morning and I was in the party who went to the church. The painting was almost finished and there was a slight panic to get it ready for Sunday, so we started scrubbing the floors. Every movement we made was watched by a crowd of young kids and they were all very keen to help, so we got about a dozen of them scrubbing. The mess they made was amazing and

we almost had to repaint the walls after they had finished because they kept on putting their wet hands on them. But they all seemed to enjoy it immensely, which was all that really mattered. I found when talking to these children how few of them had ever been inside the church.

Other activities

But the week was not all work. On many of the evenings John Mitchell had arranged something for us to do. One evening we went on a tug cruise up the Mersey and I found the tug crew very interesting to talk to. On another evening we went round the Liverpool Police Headquarters and it was just like *Z Cars* on television.

On the Thursday evening Eddy, the Community Service Volunteer, was organising a 'five-a-side' football championship and we were asked to come along to prevent a riot. Half a dozen of us had to sit with the supporters to stop them from running on to the 'pitch' and a couple of us had to be in the changing room to prevent the teams from fighting each other. One of the most remarkable things of the evening was that Eddy even managed to preach a sermon before the match, although it was only half a minute long! That was as long as the boys would listen.

Another interesting side-line to our work was a visit to a Toc H camp for poor children who would not otherwise get a holiday. It was in a lovely country house set in beautiful surroundings and I felt I could do with a week in that pure soot-free air. All the children looked as if they were thoroughly enjoying themselves and I think Toc H are doing a really good thing by giving these unfortunate people a week away from the dirty city.

I think we were averaging eight hours a day, which is more manual work than I am used to. We were split into two parties and we alternated each day, working one day in the church and the next in World Friendship House. During the fortnight we managed to knock down a six-foot wall and to build most of a cycle shed in its place.

Mr. Goddard is the Vicar of the Parish and he is making World Friendship House a hostel for foreign students. He had recently acquired a flat next door and he had plans to use it to make more rooms. The condition he found it in was quite foul. We had to force a window open so the room could not have had a window open for about four years. The smell in this flat soon became bearable and we got to work and knocked a door between it and World Friendship House.

Slum property

There is one event which I will remember for a long time and that was a visit of 'Tubby' Clayton. We had heard a lot about him and I am sure we were all very glad to be able to meet him.

All too soon the last day came and I caught the train home after saying goodbye to a group of very good friends. When I look back on the camp I realise that the thing I enjoyed most was being with friendly people. There was always a happy atmosphere in World Friendship House and I think that this atmosphere will always ensure that a work-party there will be a success. Before this work-party had even finished we had arranged a provisional date to go back again around Christmas and I, for one, will certainly not miss such a reunion.

¶ This new branch of the activities of Toc H is an extremely useful and enjoyable one and I hope they will continue and expand the idea so that many more people may have the same enjoyment and experience.

MULTUM IN PARVO

-much in little

¶ THE FOUNDER PADRE. Tubby arrived in Perth, Western Australia, on September 13 on the first stage of his tour which will also include New Zealand, Canada, U.S.A. and South America.

¶ PADRE BOB GREY, South Western Area Padre since April 1961, left the Staff at the end of September on taking up a missionary appointment in Tanganyika.

¶ F. G. CHESWORTH. 'Ches' retired from the Toc H staff on September 30. He had been Editor of the Toc H JOURNAL since 1953 and is succeeded by John Callf.

¶ THE RESULT of the B.B.C. appeal to date is £1,850, including £300 from the Scottish appeal.

¶ DOUBLING THE MEMBERSHIP AND BALANCING THE BUDGET BY 1965. One result of the Central Council's resolution was a letter on the subject in July to District Chairmen and other leaders. It was from the Chairman of the Central Executive who asked for quarterly progress reports beginning at the end of September. Has he had your 'score' to date?

¶ FILMS—TOC H IN ACTION. The Jubilee Secretary at H.Q. would like to hear from members who have made cine films of Toc H activities, particularly if they would be willing to lend them for showing in London during Jubilee Year.

¶ WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT, 1963. Plans should now be well in hand for local observances at 9 p.m. The Chain starts in Central Africa and will be observed westward of there (including the U.K. and America) on Wednesday, December 11; thence on December 12 from New Zealand westward to Central Africa.

Week's Good Cause

In the BBC Home Service (excluding Scotland) programme on Sunday, September 22, The Rt. Hon. Richard Wood, M.P., Minister of Fuel and Power, made an appeal on behalf of the Movement. Here is the text of what he said.

Toc H—nearly fifty years old now and still going very strong. Born during the first World War, bringing Service men together in Christian fellowship, it has since widened to include literally thousands of men and women, with only a small paid staff. They are all committed to uphold Christian values, including voluntary service to the community. I have asked myself how Toc H has managed to keep its youth and vigour and continued, in the modern phrase, to be still very much 'with it.' And I have come to the conclusion that the secret of Toc H (and incidentally a good method for men and women who want to keep young), lies in its ability to adapt itself to a changing world, and remain constantly on the look out for new problems, new challenges, new outlets for its energies, both at home and abroad.

For instance in the last three years Toc H has expanded its work with young people—adventure courses at Loch Eil in Western Scotland, in Liverpool reconstruction work in a slum parish, and Nature Conservancy projects at Spurn Point, Bovey Tracey and Morden Bog, to mention only a few. Quite apart from the physical development inherent in such community activities, the impact, both mental and spiritual, on youngsters of widely differing backgrounds is lasting and significant. Trusting in the generosity of its friends Toc H has spent more than £3,000 on new activities.

Toc H, the good neighbour—I expect you know this proud boast; and it is a promise which Toc H does all it can to fulfil. The first World War and the second World War may be long past, but there are still thousands of

people who thank God for a good neighbour. I say "Thank God" on purpose, because Toc H claims with justice to be a movement of persons towards each other and towards God. It is Christianity in action; and the source of its power and vitality is the Christian faith.

There is much talk today about the affluent society and rising standards of living. But whatever the truth of all that, there are a great many people who are wretchedly lonely, worried and frightened about the future. There are people ill or lame who are cut off from everyone living round them; people in hospital for a long time or hardly ever able to leave their houses; children whose mothers and fathers are dead or parted; people of all kinds who have fallen on such hard times that they must be tempted to think the world doesn't care.

But Toc H shows that the world does care. Wherever human problems exist, Toc H is prepared to help, and if it can't help itself, it will do its best to get others to help. Its activities are almost as wide as the whole range of human needs. For Toc H the word 'neighbour' means the whole human race.

Let us for a minute look at the other side of the picture. Hundreds of men and women, some with time and perhaps a little money to spare, long to be able to help other people. There is no doubt of the immense satisfaction of doing something that really needs doing. Toc H is a wonderful means of concentrating individual efforts where they are most needed. So if you have some time and would like to help, do please get in touch with your local Branch of Toc H or write for advice to Headquarters at the address I shall give in a few moments.

Or if you can send a gift to help with the work that is being done and planned (there is one project alone, to provide a home and fellowship for visiting students, which can't go forward without six or seven thousand pounds) please post it to: Richard Wood, Toc H, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

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Counter Measures

ERIC SMITH and BRIAN MOSS

AS A CHANGE from the daily routine of nine to five-thirty we can recommend launching out into the retail trade, especially when there's no rent or rates to pay and the Inspector of Taxes ignores the whole thing.

We tried our hands at this first, last October, when we went to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign Committee meeting convinced that we had the solution to the problem "How to raise £50,000 in nine months". The Committee were practically immune to our enthusiasm and we came away feeling that we were perhaps just a little bit mistaken. However, had we started then the winter would have put paid to the idea, so we were providentially obliged to let the idea stew over the winter months, but come spring, we were away, Committee or no Committee.

These schemes seem to be like an epidemic, and sure enough, in no time others had caught the 'bug' and the premises — obtained from Lloyds Bank Property Company Limited on loan and used by kind permission of the Town Planning Authority — were cleaned by the U.N.A. Committee, some of whose members were on the Campaign Committee, and also members of Toc H. The premises had formerly been the imposing branch office of a well-known building society and they had the place recently fitted out regardless of expense — almost, but as the building is due for demolition the premises had been neglected since they were vacated. The winter frosts had frozen and subsequently burst the pipes filling, to no one's knowledge, the lavish electric light bowls with some gallon or so of water. Imagine the sight, when our friendly elec-

trician took them off — water, water, everywhere and most of it down his neck. We've had his bill and there was no charge for the bath.

This might have been the cold water literally poured on the scheme, but water is also used in baptism, large or small quantities according to the doctrine — at any rate there was enough in our case to get the Shop off to a fine start. Before we could have our planned week for the reception of goods, we were selling them as fast as they came in and our first day — a non-selling one officially — produced £7.

Much has happened since then. Many trips to collect goods. What a joy it is to call at a house and find a welcome face on the other side of the door, generally an old couple parting with some of their treasures. We tried the more affluent parts of the City, only to find that generosity has no financial boundaries; it's the folk, not their possessions, that matter.

The volunteer helpers in the Shop have welded themselves into a team and many friendships have sprung up amongst kindred souls who otherwise would never have met. We said glibly at first that we would have difficulty in stopping once we started and little did we know how true this would be. The customers too enjoy browsing round for bargains and bric-a-brac and the would-be fortune seeker in antiques does not overlook us. An old fashioned family bible has gone to the U.S.A. purchased in the Shop by an American visitor. Some old Victorian vases are now somewhere in Devon. We have made some friends over the counter too — the old gent of eighty who calls once a week to show us that he can still touch his toes, and then buys something for the good of the Cause, is one.

The remainder of the story is yet to be told, but those responsible for the effort, at a Reception on July 1 handed over our first cheque for £1,000 to Alderman Sid Hill, the former Lord Mayor of Nottingham, under whose energetic patronage the Campaign was launched months ago.

"On the Move"

Expansion at Cheadle Hulme

BILL CAPPER

THE JUNE ISSUE of the JOURNAL invites details of methods relating to extension and we presume this includes increased membership at Branch level.

Our own experience stemmed from a Branch already successful but suffering from a mild complacency complex. Many of the fifteen members were of long standing. New blood was desirable.

A 'Leaflet Raid' of the district was made and over 1,500 copies distributed, leading to many doorstep interviews. The principal object was to inform the public of our existence and to invite men to a Guest-night. This was carefully planned and included a film show of Toc H activities. A staff member introduced it and outlined the Movement's national and international set-up. A short history of its foundations was also explained. During refreshments questions were dealt with. Despite inclement weather fifteen new faces appeared of which four eventually became full members, following a three-month probationary period.

After a further six months another Leaflet Raid was made on similar lines. It was undertaken as a follow-up and an indication that Toc H was 'on the map'. The result was even better and in due course a further four became members, making a total strength of 24 (with an average attendance of 19 to 20). We expect additions as visitors are fairly regular and obviously interested.

We strongly suggest that before anything of extension or recruitment is attempted it is essential to be sure that the Branch is alive with an active executive, a planned Guest-night programme and a spirit to welcome visitors.

First impressions are important and we can be judged on it. The personal introduction can only be successful and the visitor encouraged to repeat his coming if the health of the Branch is first-class. Whilst we believe that personal introduction is a good thing we also think that people 'out of the blue' and responding to a 'Raid' can make for a good mixture. During the probationary period our prospective members were given close attention in sponsorship. Supplies of Toc H literature and 'out of Branch' talks ensured their knowledge of the Movement.

A 'Leaflet Raid' if properly carried out can and does 'stir up the mixture' both in publicity and subsequent increased membership. One thing is certain, the public of this district know of our existence and what we stand for in the name of Toc H. Incidentally, until full membership each new man was a guest of the Branch. No financial offer was accepted or invited.

"Starting Up"

Being announcements of places where new units are beginning, with the address of the local 'key man' or other person to whom all correspondence or commendations should be sent.

Bradwell, near Gorleston. Key man: R. J. Whittle, 8 Linden Tree Gardens, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Uffington, near Shrivenham. Key man: Albert Challis, 20 Hill View, Uffington, Faringdon, Berks.

Elder Brethren

'With proud thanksgiving . . .'

BLAKE.—On September 11, FAREWELL KELLAWAY BLAKE ('Felix'), aged 80, a member of Southend-on-Sea Branch. Elected 27.6.'27.

BURSEY.—On September 7, the Rev. HENRY BURSEY, aged 54, a Lincolnshire Area member and a former Area Padre in East Yorkshire and Manchester. Elected 15.11.'30.

CAMFIELD.—On September 23, CHRISTIAN ERNEST CAMFIELD, aged 71, the Pilot of Highams Park Branch. Elected 1.10.'46.

CHAMPION-JONES.—On August 10, Lt.-Col. DOUGLAS CHAMPION-JONES, aged 86, a member of the Central General Members Branch and a Cavendish Association member. Elected 1922.

COOPER.—In September, FREDERICK MAJOR COOPER, aged 54, a member of Swanage Branch. Elected 27.5.'59.

DENMAN.—On August 20, BERT E. F. DENMAN, aged 71, a member of Crewkerne Branch and a Foundation member of Toc H.

ELLIOTT.—On September 23, HAROLD ARTHUR ELLIOTT, aged 66, a founder member of Bishop's Castle Branch and a former Divisional Chairman. Elected 12.10.'34.

HAMER.—On September 12, GLYN KENNETH HAMER, aged 40, a member of Newtown Branch. Elected 3.4.'63.

HORSEMAN.—On September 2, FRED HORSEMAN, aged 59, a member of Adelaide Branch and of South Australian Area Executive. Elected Twerton Branch, 24.2.'48.

LYON.—On September 14, CLIFFORD JAMES LYON, aged 66, a member of Ipswich Branch. Elected 17.7.'52.

MANLEY.—On August 25, LEONARD CHARLES MANLEY, aged 70, a member of New Addington Branch. Elected 11.2.'60.

MATTHEWS.—In August, suddenly in Sydney, HENRY AYLWIN MATTHEWS, aged 61, formerly of Felsted, Essex; Mark I, London and Adelaide, South Australia.

NEEDHAM.—On August 31, THOMAS T. NEEDHAM, aged 68, the Secretary of Derby Branch. Elected January 1925.

OWEN.—On June 16, LEWIS OWEN, aged 67, a founder member of Welshpool Branch. Elected 30.3.'37.

RICHES.—On July 8, CLIFFORD EDWARD RICHES ('Sam'), aged 77, a member of Rochford Branch. Elected 2.4.'57.

UNDERDOWN.—On September 17, FRED UNDERDOWN, aged 75, a member of Liverpool Branch. Elected 11.9.'53.

WALKER.—On May 21, RONALD RALPH WALKER ('Doc'), aged 81, a founder member of Presteigne Branch. Elected 2.4.'29.

In Memoriam

FAREWELL KELLAWAY BLAKE

AFTER Tubby had initiated him, the Founder Padre admitted that when he heard the names Farewell Kellaway he nearly used the more familiar 'Felix'—a name befitting his size, and his addiction to walking everywhere, especially to Church and to service for others.

Felix was never happier than when he was helping others, and if it was a Toc H job, so much the better. Not only did he serve his own Southend-on-Sea Branch well and truly for 36 years, holding every office, but he gave almost equal service to the South East Essex District Team, and for many years he was a member of the Area Executive. His long, devoted service with the Area Guard of the Lamp was to him a labour of love for it kept him in constant touch with all the Branches of the Eastern London Area. Many older members of these Branches will remember him, too, as the diminutive chef of Area Training Camps and Weekend rallies. London members will recall Felix, in full cook's dress, and after solemn procession, tossing the pancake at many of Tubby's annual Pancake Parties.

Even in his working day he was never far from Tower Hill; for 50 years he gave devoted service to his firm of tea merchants just across the river, and on many a day he made an earlier start on his journey to business to be a communicant at All Hallows.

During the war he helped to keep the Southend Toc H Services Club thriving and found time, amidst fire-watching duties for his firm, to help staff our St. Stephen's Servicemen's Club.

His energy and ability to help others was unlimited; "Felix is not just a person, he's an institution", a member of his Branch was heard to say, no doubt having in mind his work with Southend Carnival Committee, the Civic Guild of Help, the P.D.S.A., Darby and Joan Clubs, the Toc H film unit and visiting pensioners (many of them years younger than himself). He believed in Toc H and he believed in God who so wonderfully made it, and his Parish Church knew him as regular worshipper and sidesman. God granted his wish to be active right to the end, and our memories are of a 'little' man who by doing great things was an inspiration and example to us all, and showed us the true meaning of the Four Points of the Compass. H.J.D.

Day of Romance

G. GORDON LISTER

EXPECTATION soared when, setting out on our ninth trip to Brighton, Jimmy Allen insisted that a fellow patient, Miss K. Barber, and I should be placed last in the "Not-Forgotten-Association" coach. The reason became apparent when we drew up outside the portico of the Royal Pavilion. The keynote of our day was struck when that most English of our national airs, *Greensleeves*, was wafted on the balmy breeze. Miss Barber and I were taken out of the coach just as two Brighton Rover Scouts sounded a fanfare.

Jimmy, as Honorary Escort Extraordinary, presented us to a lady and gentleman who proved, not only in their costumes, but in their entire bearing to be personifications of the Prince Regent and Mrs. Fitzherbert.

I had the proud privilege of presenting that undoubted beauty, Mrs. Fitzherbert, with a bouquet of roses and lilies and a beautiful fan. I did not fail to kiss the fair hand which was graciously extended to me. When the mists of illusion momentarily cleared I noticed a gentleman watching with kindly interest, wearing an insignia which proclaimed him as Mayor of Brighton.

At an excellent lunch provided for us at the West Pier, Jimmy thanked the First Gentleman of Brighton, the Mayor, and Mrs. Deason, the Mayoress, for so kindly finding time to grace this, our ninth visit, with their presence. Also our Red Cross friends and many others who had so greatly contributed to our happiness.

Thanks are due to many people, but, though he would never think so, perhaps our deepest gratitude should go to Mr. James Allen, the prime mover in so many happy excursions.

Youth for Decency

MAYNE ELSON

NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO, a young man named Leo Ormston and some friends of his became concerned about some of the so-called literature which they found in the shops in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. They studied the problem and decided to act. As a result of information which they gave to the police, nearly 500 books and magazines were seized and a prosecution was brought against the firm responsible. The latter reacted with vigour and briefed Queen's Counsel to defend them. When the firm lost the case, they appealed. After eighteen months, a final decision was reached and some 250 items were ordered to be destroyed.

Since 1959, no less than three million of these publications have been sold in this country every year. They are aimed at the "teenage market" and in some places it is estimated that over one in every three newsagents stock them. They deal with both sex and sadism and the message which they carry is that sexual promiscuity is the normal thing nowadays, but they say nothing about the resulting problems, such as illegitimate children and V.D. amongst young people. They contain nude photographs and illustrated short stories which are obviously written in order to inflame the reader's imagination. Most of these magazines are imported. Another thing the young people discovered was, how easy it is to obtain improper photographs. They even found a book, freely exposed for sale, on how to commit sex crimes.

It was soon made clear to them that they were up against big business and that the people they were fighting

were fully organised. The campaign leader began to get abusive and obscene letters. Two of the girls on his committee were threatened with being slashed. His employers were not at all pleased at what was happening and at one time it looked as if he might lose his job. But he and his friends in Newcastle pressed on and they were soon joined by young people in other places who wanted to fight the poisonous traffic. They corresponded and exchanged information and experiences. Leo Ormston made, at his own expense, many journeys to London and elsewhere. The new movement started to gather publicity. The need began to be felt for some kind of national organisation.

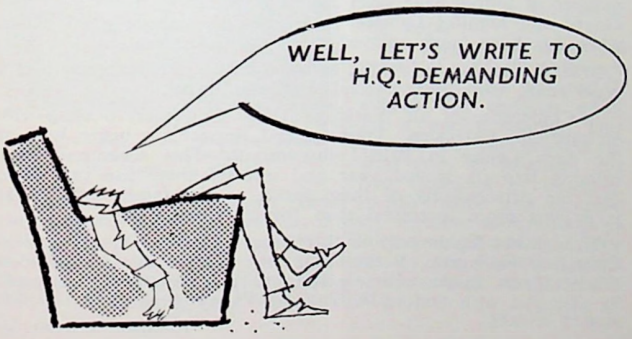
And so, on August 4, 1963, at a meeting held in London at Talbot House, Trinity Square, "Youth For Decency" was born. It was an orderly and businesslike gathering of young men and women, from the North and Midlands as well as from London, with a representative of the National Council of Women and two from Toc H — not to mention Tubby, who made an encouraging speech. There was a full discussion on what practical measures could be taken. Owing to a recent legal decision, it is difficult for the police themselves to obtain information and then bring a successful prosecution, but they can prosecute on information supplied to them. As well as books, magazines and photographs on sale, cinemas came in for criticism when still pictures taken from X-films are shown outside. Nor did the meeting neglect the positive side — the raising of standards in paper-backs, cinemas and entertainment of all descriptions. "Youth For Decency" is what its name implies and its outlook is by no means merely negative.

Leo Ormston, who is 21, had the well-deserved honour of being made the first national Chairman of this new movement; the other officers are younger. As yet there are no headquarters — that will come later on — but some useful sub-committees based on the existing local Groups were formed. A national Treasurer was elected, although there are no funds! It was realised that this might be a

future problem; for example, several thousand leaflets have already been printed at Newcastle and it is hoped to distribute a leaflet to every house in Northumberland; but so far, what money has been necessary seems to have been given spontaneously by older people.

Youth For Decency is a non-sectarian body, in fact a few of its supporters (just like some Toc H members) do not call themselves Christians at all. But they are all concerned to build a public conscience based on the true spirit of Christian morality, which is the common heritage of Western civilisation. They realise that the teenagers of today are the parents of tomorrow and, as such, they feel their responsibilities deeply and sincerely. There will surely be some of the younger Toc H members, and some of the older ones too, who will want to get alongside them. The Secretary of Youth For Decency is Tony Pelton, 49 Sunbury Avenue, West Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 2. Provided they keep him in touch with what they are doing, young people anywhere can form a local Group of Youth For Decency and begin to tackle the problem in their own neighbourhood in the same way as Leo Ormston did. If it can be done in Newcastle, why not elsewhere?

Ernie says:



FROM ALL PARTS

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WESTERN

CHELTENHAM Branch organised a thank-you Garden Party to some hundred guests at Filey Lawn, Sydenham Road, Cheltenham to show some appreciation to many friends who support Toc H in the district. The Branch have recently adopted the Bangalore group in India and monthly letters keep Branch and group aware of each other's activities. A much more tangible recognition of Bangalore's work is that six sewing machines are going out to help the lepers there. R. D. Paul writes to Cheltenham Branch saying that other Branches and groups in India would welcome similar relationships with the family in this country.

Bristol University's two Clayton Volunteers will have returned to this country by the time this appears in the JOURNAL but a number of letters have been received indicating that both Tony Gourd and Jennifer Lythgoe have not only done a good job of work, but have much enjoyed their visit to America.

STREET Branch are looking forward to a large gathering and a good result from their annual 'Petticoat Lane'.

A Conference of all Working Teams' Conveners dealing with Stewardship, Extension, Training and Service, is being held at the Area Centre in Bristol this month. This scheme is now entering into its second year and already there are real signs that the personalising of these facets in the family of Toc H is proving more successful than former Committees.

Though not legitimately in this Area, a group is under way at Uffington, Faringdon, Berks. This was started by the Swindon District Team. In due course perhaps a suitable transfer fee might be arranged with Oxford & Thames Valley Area!

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN

SOUTH WESTERN

It is good to hear that Edgar Cabot, who was for nearly forty years a member in the north of Brazil, has linked up with the isolated Branch at CHITTLEHAMPTON in North Devon. Most of the members there are farmers whose harvest work has gone on late into the summer evenings. With harvest over the autumn activities of the Branch are now getting into full swing

GILBERT FRANCIS.

WESTERN LONDON

FULHAM is among the increasing number of Branches bringing pleasure to bedridden folk by broadcasting football commentaries. The fortunes of the home team are relayed to eight local hospitals and often the circuit is linked with other circuits in the towns of the visiting teams. The annual cost of this service is over £160 and is only made possible by help from other organisations such as Round Table, Supporters' Clubs and Friends of Hospital Associations.

Middlesex County Press

Yiewsley and West Drayton members re-seating their hundredth chair for St. Matthew's Church.

KINGSBURY members are regular visitors to the polio patients at West Hendon Hospital, where they go every week. Although polio means a long stay of treatment and training, they have had the satisfaction of seeing quite a number of men and women going back home in the end. Marksmen from PRIDEAUX HOUSE at Hackney have been helping on this job, making the long and expensive double trip to Hendon and back once a fortnight to bring a young boy to visit his mother in the ward.

As they have done for some years, HARROW Branch have been able to send a number of children away for a week's holiday. This year it was not possible to send them to Brighton, but Syd Cramond of Polegate, formerly a Harrow member, came to the rescue and accepted two girls for a week. Another Sussex member took two boys and all four children were taken to Polegate on Saturday, August 10. The balance of the money raised by the Branch through the sale of Pinchbeck bulbs and in other ways was given to the Children's Country Holidays Fund.

MAYNE ELSON.

WEST MIDLANDS

The annual weekend at Carey Hall was noteworthy for the presence of Rev. Bob Knight as the principal leader of discussion and for the presence of half a dozen young men who had never been there before.

BEWDLEY is now a Branch; Bloxwich group has been set going and an inaugural meeting at Studley has been held. Other points of extension activity are likely to be Hagley, Highley, Cleobury Mortimer and Tiddington. EDWIN ATKIN.

Nottingham Guardian Journal

Lt.-Col. G. A. Wharton presents the Lamp to the new Nottingham Branch

NOTTS. & DERBY

During the alleged summer many Branches have taken advantage of the light (if not fine) evenings to exchange visits with other Branches. This has been of great value; the Area family members have come to know one another better and have benefited from an exchange of experiences and ideas. On a number of occasions these get-togethers have embraced more than two Branches and there have been Garden Parties, Suppers and Barbecues.

One of the most successful Barbecues was held by the newly formed joint group at Babbington Village. Well over a hundred members and friends from all parts of the Area attended. The serving of refreshments from the converted railway goods wagon, which is the group's headquarters, added to the enjoyment and novelty of the occasion.

So much have these inter-changes been appreciated that it is hoped to continue them at intervals throughout the year, travel conditions permitting. BILL HARRIS.

North Western Evening Mail

Dalton-in-Furness Branch organised an antique exhibition in Dalton Castle

MANCHESTER AND NORTH WESTERN

Two new Branches have just been recognised at NORTHWICH and THORNTON CLEVELEYS. We are sure this will be a stimulus to further extension efforts.

There has been a lot of camping activity this summer particularly during August. Good accounts have been given of the efforts at Adlington, Rhyl, Heswall and Torpenhow. These camps reveal that in spite of the provisions of the Welfare State and a so-called affluent society there are many needy youngsters in our midst. The camps also reveal that if Toc H will go out to get help in doing a worthwhile job they will be surprised at the available goodwill. The camp at Heswall caters for handicapped boys, which raised the question, what about the girls? It is good to report that, inspired and helped by the WEST KIRBY BEACON Branch, another organisation undertook the job and made a great success of it.

The Winant Volunteers paid their second visit to Liverpool and were just as welcome and as useful as last year. Liverpool was also the venue for the first Schools Project in a city. A party of twenty-odd boys from Grammar and Public Schools spent a fortnight in a slum parish working hard and living rough. We hear they have been asked to pay a return visit.

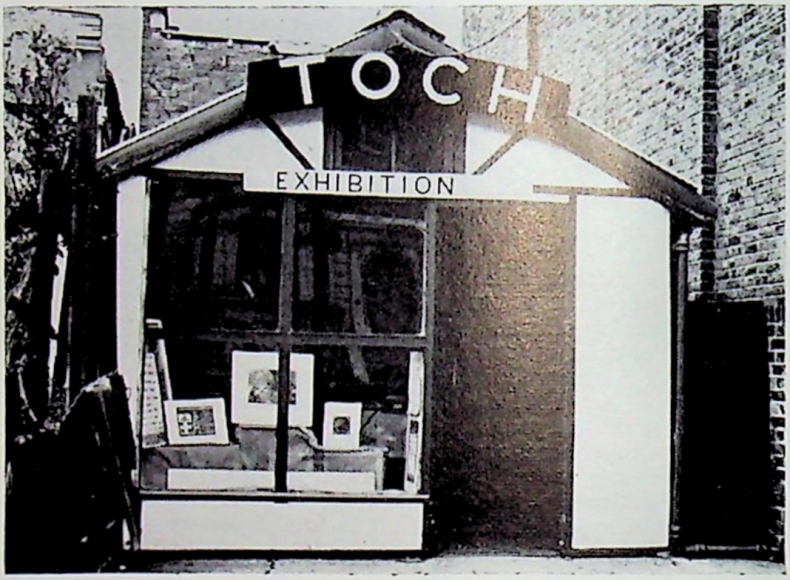
Members of both Area Executives are looking forward to a weekend at Dor Knap, when we hope to have as our guest Alec Dickson, M.B.E., head of Community Service Volunteers, now closely associated with Toc H. We shall be thinking about attracting the younger generation.

JACK SHAW.

LONDON

One imagines that members of every London Branch did something to give local support to the B.B.C. Appeal for Toc H, made by the Rt. Hon. Richard Wood, M.P., on Sunday, September 22. Some Branches really 'went to town' on this with excellent displays in which they used their own material as well as that supplied by Ken Rogers at H.Q.

For instance, Toc H had the corner just inside the entrance to the tent devoted to local organisations at the Enfield Town Show the two days before the appeal. Here there was enough space for a full display of photos, etc., and it was well lighted and calculated to catch the visitor's eye both on entering and leaving the tent. A projector was used to show special pictures and both men and women members were in constant attendance. We understand that the women got most of the enquiries!



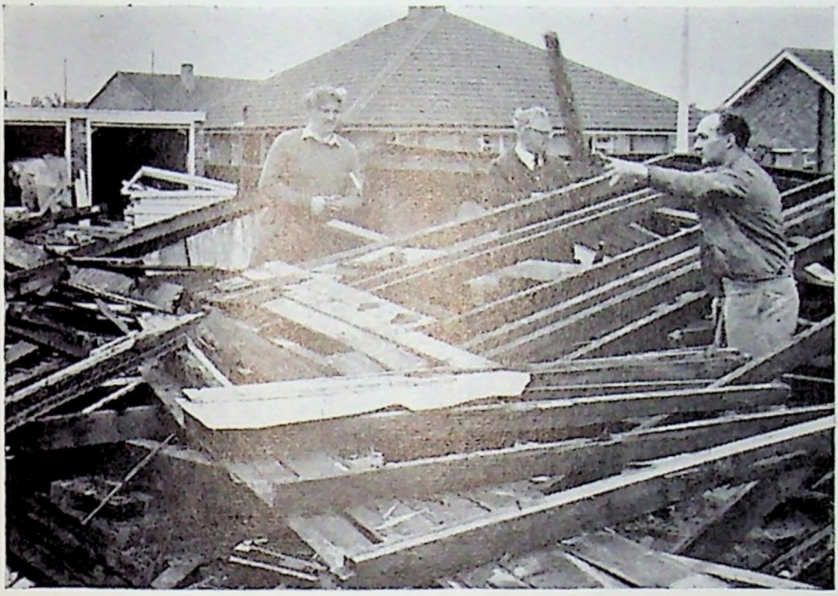
Putney Park Branch's shop window display

PUTNEY PARK Branch took an empty shop each Saturday in September for their display. Besides much current information about Toc H they showed the equipment which was made and used by our Branch in Lamsdorf Stalag VIII P.o.W. Camp in Germany, of which Harry Hagan was a member, including the banner made from an old palliasse beautifully embroidered with coloured threads pulled from shirts and towels.

At MUSWELL HILL the Branch had an attractive double display in the ABC Cinema throughout the week previous to the appeal

and they report that plenty of interest was taken in it. One half was devoted to the appeal itself and the other to the commentaries scheme run by the Branch at Arsenal Football Ground. A model ward complete with 'patient' in bed was backed by football pictures and the names of five hospitals to which the commentaries go.

Amongst other Branches which put on displays were Barnet, Hendon, Mill Hill and Hayes (Kent). Hoddesden used 'stickers' in the windows of cars. MAYNE ELSON.



East Kent Gazette, Sittingbourne

From a demolished hut Sittingbourne members produce firewood for old folk

SURREY

Once again two units in the Area combined to give a few hours enjoyment to some people less fortunate than ourselves. TOLWORTH Branch, who have contacts with a Multiple Sclerosis group, took some of them for a drive round the country lanes of Surrey one Sunday afternoon. A call for tea was made at Weybridge, where the WEYBRIDGE men's and women's Branches did the travellers proud. After this there was the drive back to Surbiton.

For the future, WEYBRIDGE and WOKING Branches are organising a Guest-night at Woking with a group of Marksmen forming a panel to answer questions. This will probably be the first time Surrey Area have been in such close contact with the Marksmen. The aim of the Guest-night is to introduce Toc H to the lower age groups of Woking in their effort to strengthen their membership ALLAN HUNT.

EAST YORKSHIRE

Hospitals, Old People's Homes, Youth Clubs, and Clubs for the Infirm . . . all or most of these centres are to be found in our towns or cities, and provide avenues of service for many Toc H Branches. But what about our villages, many of which are a good distance from the nearest town? How does the village Toc H Branch find its jobs of service? Joe Anderson, of HENSALL Branch, gave me the answer in no uncertain terms.

Take this year alone for example. Hensall members began the year well by moving mountains . . . mountains of snow for many old people, who might otherwise have been marooned in their homes. In the severe wintry conditions even the task of collecting the weekly old-age pension was a formidable one, and Toc H members helped out again. The winter brought much sickness in its train among the old and infirm, and the nearest chemist for obtaining medicines against doctors' prescriptions is several miles away—a problem for the sick, but not for the Toc H member, equipped with a roadworthy bicycle or car!

Chimneys require sweeping occasionally, and one member, Albert Jenkinson, has undertaken this task, as his Toc H job, for many an old couple. Other members have ensured that coal scuttles in the homes of the elderly and sick have been kept full. Jack Hoyle is a heating engineer, and he has made it his job to thaw out many a frozen pipe as an emergency measure for those in need. Free haircuts for the old age pensioner are a blessing, particularly in the winter and with the nearest barber's shop a bus ride away, and these are the speciality of Joe Anderson. Marking the pitch out for the local Football Club always seemed to create a problem until the Toc H Branch took it over. Another corporate job took the form of necessary repairs to the altar in the Anglican church, and the painting of chairs in the Methodist church.

Old people have been able to come down on cold mornings to find a warm fire greeting them, thanks to Toc H members who have obtained the keys before-hand for this purpose, so as not to disturb the old folk. A small village cannot often provide a livelihood for a window cleaner, and this is a do-it-yourself job for the fit. Toc H members have been cleaning windows for the old and infirm around Hensall.

When the new vicar arrived with his wife a short while ago they were delighted to find that the vicarage had been cleaned and decorated by Toc H as an expression of welcome. The fact that the new vicar, Rev. R. Cane, is a Toc H member only gave the Branch added incentive. When a local resident had the misfortune to have his caravan home burnt out, it was Toc H who rallied to the assistance of the man and his family, by organising a collection in the village. Toc H has certainly made its presence felt in this village, and has proved that there are many opportunities for Toc H jobs of service in our rural areas.

BILL HARDY.

Bedfordshire Times

Barnet Multiple Sclerosis members on their outing to Bedford

NORTHERN LONDON

In June this year, BARNET Toc H organised the annual outing of the local branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, when a convoy of over fifty cars and ambulances took 160 members and helpers for a day by the Ouse at Bedford. This was very much a combined operation, BIGGLESWADE men's and women's units providing lunch, a local brewery the beer and BEDFORD Toc H the tea. The outing met a very real need, one M.S. member having his first day out for two years.

Barnet also provided a 'reception committee' to greet Bob Knight, the Administrative Padre, when he moved in last month with Mrs. Knight, Malcolm and Ruth. Bob brought his own carpet but the committee had to wash the hall walls and floor before they could put it down. (It wasn't a red one, anyway.) The present membership of the Branch is sixteen and they have gained ten new members over the past year—how many other Branches can say as much?

MILL HILL pulled off a remarkable coup in their recent Celebrity Concert when they booked Vladimir Ashkenazy for his first recital in England since his return from Moscow. The concert was a complete success as all seats were taken and this provided a further contribution to the running costs of their Mobile Film Unit, which requires £500 a year to maintain. Another supporting effort was the Garden Party at Belmont School, attended by nearly 3,000 people which added a further £400 to the funds. During the past twelve years 125,000 people in hospitals and homes who could not normally go out to film shows have enjoyed the services of Mill Hill Film Unit.

MAYNE ELSON.

"Modern Art and Engineering"—Colchester Branch's prize-winning Carnival entry

EAST ANGLIA

It is strange how often ill-winds bring new opportunities in their train. When the last train left the station at CAISTER-ON-SEA it left behind a readily accepted opportunity for the local Branch to obtain much needed new headquarters, though not before the lapse of time taken to negotiate a lease had resulted in local vandals breaking every window and smashing locks and doors. Now the former ticket office is a kitchen, the booking hall a warm and comfortable meeting room, and the ladies' room and left luggage office have been combined to make an extra committee room. The whole has been converted into a useful headquarters from which the local Branch is determined 'to go places.' Already a number of other organisations use the premises for their meetings, the latest being a schoolboy instrumental sextet which started in a back garden early in the summer. When the Branch chairman came across them the sextet—none over the age of 14—had just lost their practice hall and their spirits were as low as a double bass. They now have the free use of the Toc H premises and gave their first public performance at a Toc H fete held, significantly enough, at the "Never Turn Back."

BRANDON Branch made history by their effort towards raising funds in aid of the adoption of an Indian village, which is the contribution of Branches in the West Suffolk District to the War on Want Campaign. The local press not only described the effort as "the first big attraction in Brandon for many years," but the event was so well organised that the target was exceeded by the sale of tickets before the day. A crowd of over 1,000 attended the fete which included a baby show, pram race, ladies' comic football match and children's races. REG SMITH.

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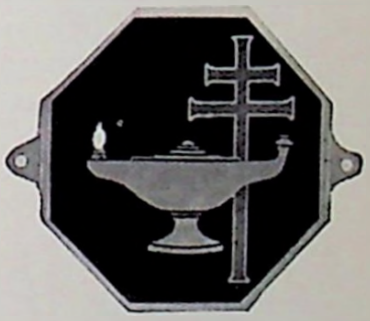

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